



State of Arizona  
**Department of Education**

**Tom Horne**  
Superintendent of  
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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Summer Food Service Program Sponsors

**From:** Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent  
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition Services

**Date:** June 9, 2006

**RE:** 2006 Desert Oasis Award Nominations

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Welcome to another exciting year operating the Summer Food Service Program. Whether you are a returning sponsor, new to the program, a seamless sponsor or one of our new simplified program sponsors, we thank you for your time and commitment towards feeding Arizona children. The work you do each day to ensure that children receive a healthy, nutritious meal is something to be recognized and rewarded.

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) created the Desert Oasis Awards in 2003 to spotlight those sponsors who go above and beyond expectations in the daily operation of their summer food program. We would like to encourage each of you to read over the six different summer food categories and take the time to toot your own horn and nominate yourself for this annual award. You may nominate yourself for more than one category. Nominations are due to ADE by **August 25, 2006**.

Winners will be highlighted in the ADE departmental newsletter, SCOOPS and will also receive a plaque at the School Nutrition Association Annual Conference and Commodity Food Exhibition. Winners names will also be added to the perpetual award plaque displayed in the Arizona Department of Education Building.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this memo or the 2006 Desert Oasis Award Nomination process, please contact the Summer Food Service Program Outreach Coordinators; Patricia Johnson (602) 542-8782 or Traci Grgich (602) 364-1625.

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